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TAGS: PHUM, UNCHR-1
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES CHAIRS TO DISCUSS
GUIDELINES ON REPORTING

REF: A. GENEVA 1508
B. GENEVA 3196 (2003)
C. GENEVA 4721 (2002)

1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARAGRAPH 4.

2. THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OHCHR) HELD A BRIEFING FOR STATES ON JUNE 14 AT WHICH DOCUMENTS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN PREPARATION FOR THE INTER-COMMITTEE MEETING OF TREATY BODIES AND THE MEETING OF TREATY BODY CHAIRPERSONS. THE TWO MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA FROM JUNE 21 TO 22 AND JUNE 23 TO 25, RESPECTIVELY. ALL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE OHCHR WEB-SITE AT WWW.UNHCHR.CH.

3. THE PRIMARY DOCUMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY TREATY BODY MEMBERS WILL BE THE "GUIDELINES ON AN EXPANDED CORE DOCUMENT AND TREATY SPECIFIC TARGETED REPORTS AND HARMONIZED GUIDELINES ON REPORTING UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES" (HRI/MC/2004/3), DRAFTED BY THE SECRETARIAT AT THE REQUEST OF THESE TWO BODIES AT LAST YEAR'S MEETINGS. THE SECRETARIAT EXPECTS THAT THE GUIDELINES WILL BE APPROVED IN SOME FORM AND TAKEN BACK TO THE COMMITTEES FOR FINAL ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION. OTHER DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB-SITE INCLUDE THE PROVISIONAL AGENDAS, THE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST YEAR'S

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MEETINGS, AND A LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUEST: THE CHAIRPERSONS HAVE SCHEDULED A DIALOGUE WITH STATES ON JUNE 24, WHERE MISSION WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE GUIDELINES AND OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO THE TREATY BODIES. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE FOR THIS MEETING. MISSION ALSO TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT ITS SECOND PERIODIC REPORT, UPDATED TO INCLUDE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ, TO THE COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE BY OCTOBER 1, 2004 FOR CONSIDERATION AT IT'S NEXT SESSION

(REFTEL A). THE U.S. REPORT UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ICCPR) IS ALSO PAST DUE, AND U.S. COMPLIANCE WITH THE ICCPR MAY BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT OUR INPUT AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE'S NEXT SESSION ON JULY 12-30, 2004 (REFTEL B AND C).
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